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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF US OFFICIAL

REF A. BA 1316, B. BA 1318

1. EMBASSY HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON KIDNAPPING AS RESULT OF SECOND TELCON WITH MRS EGAN IN CORDOBA. TWO MEN AND A WOMAN ARRIVED AT EGAN HOME AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00 PM ASKING ABOUT VISAS TO THE UNITED STATES. AFTER FIVE MINUTES OF CONVERSATION ON THIS TOPIC THEY PULLED GUNS AND AFTER SHOUTING FOR MONEY, BEGAN TO LEAD EGAN AWAY. MRS EGAN TOLD KIDNAPPERS SHE WOULD GIVE THEM EVERYTHING IF THEY LEFT HER HUSBAND ALONE. WHEN MRS EGAN PROTESTED THEY THREW ETHER ON HER FACE, WHICH DID NOT TAKE EFFECT, HOWEVER, AFTER THE KIDNAPPERS DEPARTED WITH EGAN, HIS WIFE CALLED POLICE AND THEN NOTIFIED EMBASSY.

2. MRS EGAN COMPLAINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO GUARD ON RESIDENCE FOR PAST THREE DAYS, NOR OVER CARNIVAL HOLIDAYS. MRS EGAN SAID THAT THE KIDNAPPERS PAINTED WORD "MONTONEROS" ON WALL OF HOUSE BEFORE DEPARTING. SHE FURTHER INDICATED SHE THOUGHT ADDITIONAL TWO PERSONS HAD REMAINED OUTSIDE THE HOUSE WHILE THE KIDNAPPERS WERE IN THE

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HOUSE. SHE BEGGED EMBASSY TO SEND SOMEONE TO CORODBA, AND CLOSED THE CONVERSATION INDICATING THAT LOCAL POLICE WANTED HER TO GO WITH THEM TO LOOK AT PHOTOS.

3. EMBASSY IS DISPATCHING EMBOFFS TO CORDOBA BY DAO AIRCRAFT. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS BEEN ADVISED. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH NATIONAL POLICE. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, NOT LEARNED OF ANY DEMANDS BY KIDNAPPERS.
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